

Lineage and Honors History
of the

543 Intelligence Group (ACC)

Lineage. Established as 3 Photographic Group on 9 Jun 1942. Activated on 20 Jun 1942. Redesignated: 3 Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping Group on 19 May 1943; 3 Photographic Group, Reconnaissance on 13 Nov 1943; 3 Reconnaissance Group on 13 May 1945. Inactivated on 12 Sep 1945. Disestablished on 6 Mar 1947. Reestablished, and redesignated 543 Tactical Intelligence Group, on 31 Jul 1985. Redesignated 543 Intelligence Group on 22 Jan 1997. Activated on 1 Mar 1997. Consolidated (10 Feb 2005) with the 543 Tactical Support Group which was constituted on 19 Sep 1950. Activated on 26 Sep 1950. Inactivated on 25 Feb 1951. Consolidated organization retained designation of 543 Intelligence Group.

Assignments. Headquarters, Army Air Forces, 20 Jun 1942; Eighth Air Force, c. 8 Sep 1942; Twelfth Air Force, 16 Oct 1942; 90 Photographic Wing, Reconnaissance, c. 15 Aug 1943; Twelfth Air Force, 1 Oct 1944-12 Sep 1945. Fifth Air Force, 26 Sep 1950 (attached to 6149 Tactical Support Wing, 14 Oct 1950; 49 Fighter-Bomber Wing, 1 Dec 1950-26 Jan 1951)-25 Feb 1951. 67 Intelligence Wing, 1 Mar 1997; 70 Intelligence Wing, 16 Aug 2000-.

Stations. Colorado Springs, CO, 20 Jun-12 Aug 1942; Membury, England, 8 Sep 1942; Steeple Morden, England, 26 Oct-22 Nov 1942; La Senia, Algeria, 10 Dec 1942; Algiers, Algeria, 25 Dec 1942; La Marsa, Tunisia, 13 Jun 1943; San Severo, Italy, 8 Dec 1943; Pomigliano, Italy, 4 Jan 1944; Nettuno, Italy, 16 Jun 1944; Viterbo, Italy, 26 Jun 1944; Corsica, c. 14 Jul 1944; Rosia, Italy, c. Sep 1944; Florence, Italy, 17 Jan 1945;

Pomigliano, Italy, 26 Aug-12 Sep 1945. Itazuke AB, Japan, 26 Sep 1950; Taegu AB, South Korea, 29 Sep 1950; Komaki AB, Japan, 26 Jan-25 Feb 1951. Kelly AFB (later, Kelly Field Annex, Lackland AFB), TX, 1 Mar 1997-.

Aircraft. B-17, 1942-1943; F-4, 1942-1944; F-5, 1943-1945; Potez 540, 1943; Spitfire, 1943-1945; A-20, 1944-1945; B-25, 1944-1945.

Operations. The 543d group provided photographic intelligence that assisted the campaigns for Tunisia, Pantelleria, Sardinia, and Sicily. It reconnoitered airdromes, roads, marshalling yards, and harbors both before and after the Allied landings at Salerno. Early in 1944, the group provided coverage of the Anzio area and helped support Fifth Army in its drive through Italy by determining troop movements, gun positions, and terrain. The group flew reconnaissance missions in connection with the invasion of Southern France in Aug 1944 and received a DUC for a mission on 28 Aug 1944, when it provided photographic intelligence that assisted the rapid advance of Allied ground forces.

Service Streamers. None

Campaign Streamers. *World War II:* Tunisia; Sicily; Naples-Foggia; Anzio; Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; Po Valley; Rhineland; Central Europe; Air Combat, EAME. *Korea:* UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers. None.

Decorations. Distinguished Unit Citation: Mediterranean Theater of Operations, 28 Aug 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Combat "V" Device: 1 Jun 2001-31 May 2003. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: 1 Oct 1997-30 Sep 1998; 1 Oct 1999-30 Sep 2000. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: [10-25 Feb 1951].

Lineage, Assignments, Stations, and Honors through 16 Mar 2005.

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Emblem. Group may design and on approval use its unique emblem, in accordance with AFI 84-105, Paragraph 3.3.4.1.

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